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Stalin's daughter describes stay in West as nightmare

LONDON [Reuters]—Svetlana Stalin, who returned to the Soviet Union last week, wrote in private letters published Sunday that her 17 years' voluntary exile in the West was a nightmare.

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The Mail On Sunday newspaper said the letters were written by the late Soviet ruler's daughter in the eight months before she returned to Moscow.

The letters, to her friends Andrei and Maria Sinyavski, spoke of her yearning to see the son and daughter she left behind in the Soviet Union when she defected in 1967.

"I live as a hermit, see no one, know nothing," she wrote from her home in Cambridge, Eng-

land, in March. "What a night-mare it has been."

SHE SAID EVERYONE, especially Soviet emigres, hated her and there was no difference between the Soviet KGB and the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

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She said Britain was preferable to the United States, where she went after her defection.

Svetlana Stalin turned up in Moscow with her 13-year-old daughter last week.

The newspaper acknowledged that the KGB may have helped her write the letters, but quoted friends as saying the notes were in her style.